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TO GO BACK TO YOU! IT'S MIKE
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FOR MY SOLDIER FOREVER!

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SUE! I NEED YOU...
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Overseas Wedding

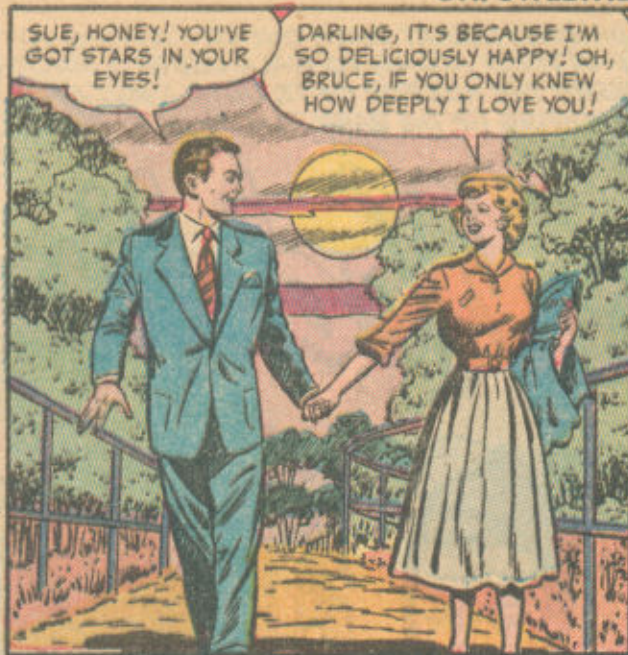
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I WAS IN LOVE, GLORIOUSLY, EXCITINGLY IN LOVE! JUST TO BE NEAR BRUCE, TO LINK HIS HAND WITH MINE, WAS SWEET AND QUITE WONDERFUL!



SUE, HONEY! YOU'VE GOT STARS IN YOUR EYES!

DARLING, IT'S BECAUSE I'M SO DELICIOUSLY HAPPY! OH, BRUCE, IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW DEEPLY I LOVE YOU!



YOU SEE THE WAY EVERYBODY IS STARING AT ME? THEY KNOW IT, TOO! IT'S WRITTEN IN MY EYES, MY LIPS, MY HEART!



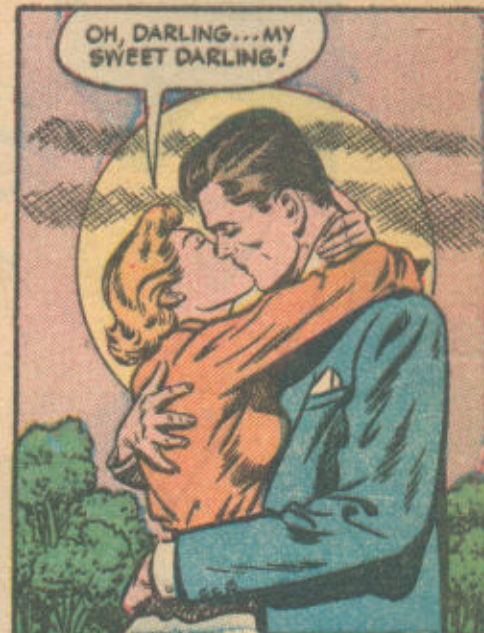
YOU CRAZY, WONDERFUL, KID!

OH, DARLING, DARLING! JUST THINK, IN A FEW MORE DAYS WE'LL BE MARRIED! THE MINISTER WILL SAY, "DO YOU TAKE THIS MAN FOR YOUR HUSBAND?"...



AND I'LL SAY, "I DO! OH, YES, YES -- I DO TAKE THIS MAN FOR MY HUSBAND, FOREVER AND EVER!" OH, BRUCE, HOLD ME CLOSE!

SUE... HONEY...



OH, DARLING... MY SWEET DARLING!



IN JUST A FEW MORE DAYS, WE'LL BE MARRIED... MADE AS ONE BY LAW AND LOVE! WE'LL HAVE OUR OWN HOME, AND EVERY NIGHT, WHEN YOU COME HOME, I'LL BE THERE, WAITING TO CLAIM YOU WITH A KISS!



GUESS I NEVER REALLY DID THINK ABOUT IT, BUT IT'LL HAVE TO BE THAT WAY AFTER WE'RE MARRIED -- JUST YOU AND ME... JUST YOU AND ME!

YES! SIGH! DOESN'T IT SOUND WONDERFUL?

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A LOT OF BACHELORS ARE AFRAID OF MARRIAGE...AFRAID OF BEING TIED DOWN TO ONE WOMAN, A HOME, CHILDREN, RESPONSIBILITIES! BUT THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT GROWN UP...

...THEY'RE NOT MATURE ENOUGH TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MARRIAGE! BUT WITH US IT WON'T BE LIKE THAT! WE MUST HAVE A HAPPY MARRIAGE! IT *WILL* BE A HAPPY MARRIAGE! I KNOW IT!

SURE, HONEY... SURE!

GOOD NIGHT, MY DARLING! TILL TOMORROW NIGHT!

RIGHT! TOMORROW NIGHT!

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, BRUCE AND I HAD A DATE TO GO DANCING, BUT OUR APPOINTED HOUR CAME AND PASSED...



HE'S LATE! I'D BETTER CALL HIS HOTEL ROOM! PERHAPS HE'S TAKING A NAP OR SOMETHING!

MAY I SPEAK TO MISTER BRUCE CLEMENTS, PLEASE! HE'S IN ROOM 125!

I'M SORRY, BUT MR. CLEMENTS CHECKED OUT THIS MORNING!

CHECKED OUT? THEN HE MUST HAVE LEFT A FORWARDING ADDRESS! PERHAPS HE HAD HIS VALISE SENT ELSEWHERE?

NO, MA'AM! HE TOOK HIS VALISE WITH HIM! HE LEFT NO MESSAGE!

THAT'S NOT LIKE BRUCE! MAYBE HE DIDN'T LIKE HIS ROOM AND MOVED TO ANOTHER HOTEL! HE'LL PROBABLY CALL SOON AND TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT!

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BUT BRUCE NEVER CALLED! THERE ARE NO WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE UTTER DEPRESSION, THE STABBING AGONY I FELT THROUGH THAT LONG, LONG NIGHT...

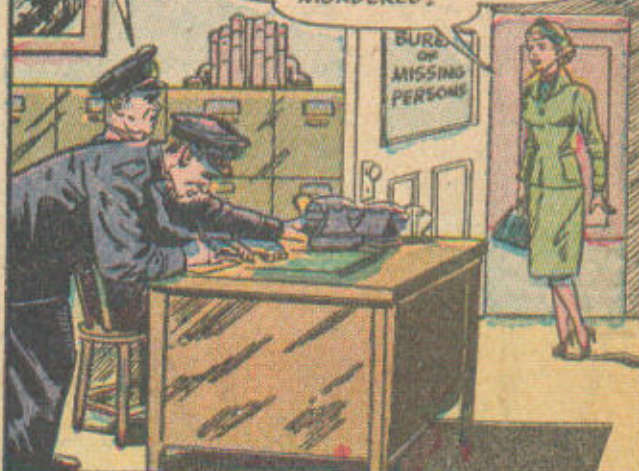
BRUCE! BRUCE! WHERE ARE YOU? WHAT'S WRONG? OH, I FEEL SO ALONE! SO HELPLESSLY ALONE!... IF ONLY I HAD SOME WORD FROM YOU... JUST ONE WORD TO LET ME KNOW EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT...



I HAD NO WORD FROM BRUCE FOR TWO DAYS! FINALLY, I COULD STAND THE TORTURE NO LONGER! I WENT TO THE POLICE...

YES, MISS?

MY FIANCE HAS DISAPPEARED! SOMETHING MAY HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM! PERHAPS HE'S BEEN MURDERED!



I TOLD HIM THE FACTS AS MY PANIC MOUNTED...

...PERHAPS HE'S BEEN MUGGED OR SOMETHING! HE MAY BE LYING DEAD IN AN ALLEY... OH, HELP ME... PLEASE...

WE WILL! BUT FIRST, I'VE GOT TO SPEAK FRANKLY!



YOUR CASE IS NOT UNUSUAL! WE GET REQUESTS LIKE YOURS FROM SWEETHEARTS AND WIVES EVERYDAY! IN MOST CASES IT TURNS OUT THE MEN JUST WANTED TO DISAPPEAR!

OH, NO, NO! YOU CAN'T MEAN...



WE'LL CHECK ON HIM, BUT I WOULDN'T COUNT ON HIM COMING BACK, IF I WERE YOU! IF A MAN WANTS TO RUN OUT ON A GIRL...

I--I SEE! THANK YOU! I MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME NOW!



AT FIRST I FELT ONLY THE UTTER DESOLATION, THE SUFFOCATING BLACKNESS OF DESPAIR ONLY A GIRL CAN FEEL WHEN SHE KNOWS HER LOVE HAS BEEN THRUST ASIDE...

HE'S LEFT ME! HOW COULD HE HAVE BEEN SO CRUEL? I THOUGHT I KNEW BRUCE, BUT HE KEPT SECRET PLACES IN HIS MIND FROM ME...



HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET MARRIED... TIED DOWN! I KNOW THAT NOW! COWARD... YOU COWARD! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME INSTEAD OF RUNNING AWAY! COWARD! I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU!



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STRANGE, HOW INCONSISTENT LIFE IS! COMEDY OFTEN FOLLOWS TRAGEDY! AND IT WAS COMIC THE WAY I BLINDLY RAN INTO A HANDSOME STRANGER DAYS LATER...



OHH! I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T LOOK WHERE I WAS GOING!



I'M NOT SORRY! YOU'RE THE PRETTIEST GIRL I'VE EVER MET IN A REVOLVING DOOR!



WHADDYA KNOW! HERE WE ARE, PERFECT STRANGERS, ALREADY GOING AROUND WITH EACH OTHER!

LOOK, MISS, I'M NOT TRYING TO PICK YOU UP OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT! BUT, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE PITY ON A LONELY SOLDIER ON FURLOUGH AND HAVE DINNER WITH HIM? PLEASE...

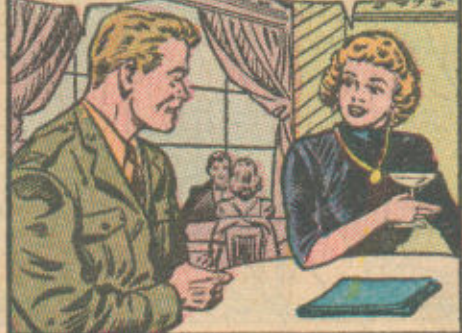
HE HAS A NICE FACE! BESIDES GOING OUT WITH ANOTHER MAN MIGHT HELP ME FORGET BRUCE!



SO I AGREED, AND THAT NIGHT HE TOOK ME TO A SMALL CAFE NOTED FOR ITS INTIMATE, QUIET ATMOSPHERE...

ENJOYING YOURSELF, SUE? YOU SEEM MORE... MORE RELAXED, MORE SERENE THAN WHEN WE FIRST MET!

YOU'RE GOOD COMPANY, MIKE! YOU'VE MADE ME FORGET SOME UNPLEASANT MEMORIES FOR A LITTLE WHILE!



WHAT'S WRONG, SUE? I WANT TO HELP YOU! I WANT TO ERASE THE SADNESS I SEE IN YOUR EYES...

THAT'S SWEET OF YOU, MIKE! BUT NO ONE CAN HELP ME REALLY... BESIDES, IT'S ANCIENT HISTORY NOW! REMEMBERING DOESN'T HURT SO MUCH NOW! LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT IT!



AFTER OUR FIRST DATE, MIKE WAS ALWAYS AROUND! I HAD NO TIME FOR BITTER MEMORIES -- FOR SOMEHOW MIKE WAS ALWAYS BESIDE ME, FILLING MY DAYS WITH TRANQUILLITY AND LAUGHTER...



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THEN ONE NIGHT, THERE WAS NO READY SMILE ON MIKE'S FACE AS HE CALLED FOR ME...

MIKE, IS ANYTHING WRON...

HUSH! LET ME TALK! I'VE GOT TO SAY IT NOW, BECAUSE TOMORROW I'M BEING SHIPPED TO A JAPANESE BASE! SUE... SUE, I'VE LOVED YOU EVER SINCE WE MET IN THAT CRAZY REVOLVING DOOR!

FOR AN INSTANT I WAS COLD, UN-RESPONSIVE, BUT SUDDENLY I CAUGHT THE THRILL, THE FERVOR OF HIM AND RETURNED HIS KISS! THE WONDER OF THIS DISCOVERY LEFT ME WEAK AND TREMBLING...

OH, MIKE... MIKE...

YOU DO LOVE ME, DON'T YOU?

OH, YES, YES! I NEVER THOUGHT I COULD LOVE AGAIN, BUT YOU'VE MADE ME FEEL REBORN! THE PAST IS DEAD FOR ME... I ONLY WANT THE FUTURE NOW... OUR FUTURE, DARLING!

AS SOON AS I GET TO JAPAN I'LL GET MY C.O.'S PERMISSION TO MARRY! THEN I'LL SEND FOR YOU! THE TROUBLE IS, ALL I'VE GOT IS ABOUT \$100 TOWARD THE PRICE OF A TRIP TICKET... A SOLDIER'S PAY DOESN'T GO FAR!

I'VE SAVED ABOUT \$400! THAT AND YOUR \$100 SHOULD COVER THE COST!

HONEY, DO YOU REALIZE PASSAGE TO JAPAN IS NEARLY \$850!

THEN I'LL MANAGE TO SAVE MORE MONEY SOMEHOW! DON'T WORRY -- WHEN YOU'RE ABLE TO SEND FOR ME, I'LL HAVE ENOUGH PASSAGE MONEY! I'LL BE WITH YOU, DARLING -- I PROMISE!

THE NEXT DAY I WAS ALONE AGAIN AS I WATCHED MIKE LEAVE FOR CAMP! BUT I KNEW SOMEDAY SOON I WOULD BE WITH HIM...

DON'T KEEP ME WAITING TOO LONG, DARLING! SEND FOR ME SOON!

THEN I BEGAN TO SAVE MY MONEY IN EARNEST! I ATE INEXPENSIVE MEALS, DID WITHOUT LUXURIES, SKIMPED ON MY CLOTHING PURCHASES!

I NEED A NEW DRESS! BUT I'LL DO WITHOUT IT! IT'S LIKE THEY SAY IN NOVELS -- "NO SACRIFICE IS TOO GREAT FOR LOVE!"

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EVERYTIME I MAKE A DEPOSIT, IT'S TAKING ME A FEW MILES CLOSER TO JAPAN... TO MY DARLING!



THEN ONE NIGHT AS I WAS READING A LETTER FROM MIKE, SOME UNKNOWN CALLER RANG THE DOORBELL...

HM! I WONDER WHO IT CAN BE? I WASN'T EXPECTING ANYONE TONIGHT!



SUE! SUE, HONEY! I'M BACK! OH, GOSH, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN! I'VE BEEN AWAY SO LONG!

BRUCE!



YOU...! DON'T TOUCH ME! DON'T COME NEAR ME!

BUT, SUE! I LOVE YOU! YOU DON'T KNOW...



I KNOW WE WERE ENGAGED, AND YOU RAN OUT ON ME! YOU DIDN'T LOVE ME ENOUGH TO BE TIED DOWN TO A HOME, A WIFE... YOU CHECKED OUT OF THAT HOTEL AND RAN AWAY!

SUE, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I CHECKED OUT BECAUSE I WANTED TO FIND A LARGER HOTEL APARTMENT FOR OUR HONEYMOON!



I WAS LOOKING FOR A PLACE, WHEN I WAS MUGGED! THEY TOOK EVERYTHING... MY VALISE... MY WALLET WITH ITS IDENTIFICATION PAPERS! AND THEY CLUBBED ME! WHEN I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, I COULDN'T REMEMBER WHO I WAS!

COULDN'T... REMEMBER?

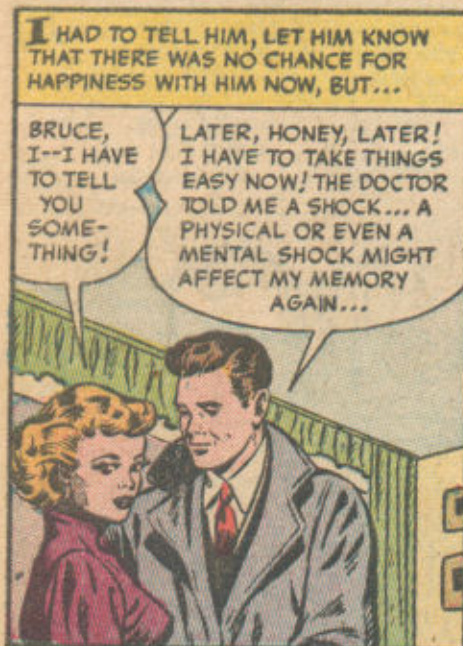
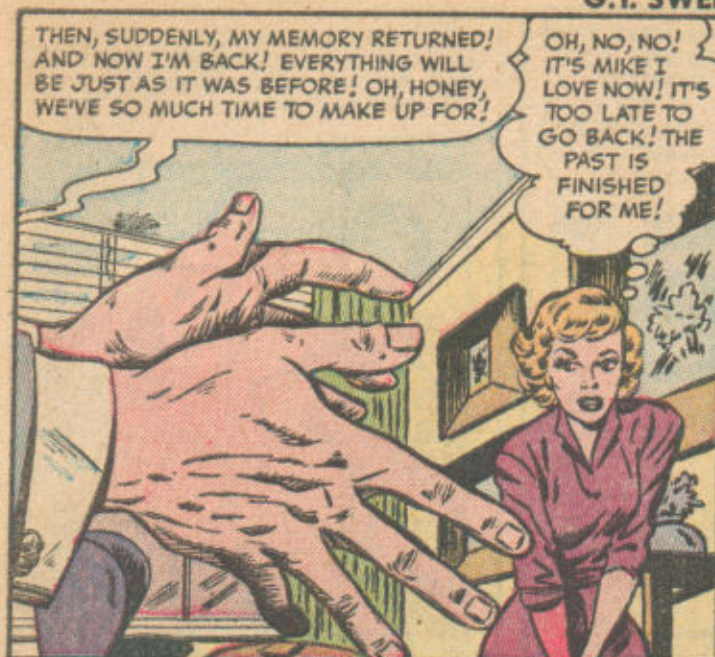


I COULDN'T REMEMBER YOU... WHERE I CAME FROM... NOTHING! I'VE BEEN SUFFERING FROM LOSS OF MEMORY-- AMNESIA!

AMNESIA! OH...OH!



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THE NEXT DAY, I WENT TO THE BANK AND WITH-DREW MOST OF MY SAVINGS, THE MONEY THAT WAS TO HAVE TAKEN ME TO MIKE! THEN I WENT TO THE HOTEL ROOM BRUCE HAD RENTED...



YES? WHO IS IT?

MAILMAN! GOT A PACKAGE HERE FOR BRUCE CLEMENTS!



IT'S A BOOK, FROM ONE OF THOSE BOOK CLUBS! MR. CLEMENTS GETS 'EM REGULARLY! HE LEFT HIS FORWARDIN' ADDRESS AT THE HOTEL HE WAS STAYIN' AT TILL YESTERDAY!

WHAT? YOU MEAN... MEAN YOU'VE BEEN DELIVERING MAIL TO MR. CLEMENTS THESE PAST FEW MONTHS?

AS THE POSTMAN WAS ABOUT TO ANSWER, BRUCE SUDDENLY RETURNED FROM SHOPPING! HIS FACE PALED AS HE WAS RECOGNIZED...

OH, HI, MR. CLEMENTS! GOT A PACKAGE FOR YOU AS USUAL! WELL, I'LL BE SEEN! YOU!



YOU LIED, BRUCE! IF YOU HAD HAD AMNESIA YOU WOULDN'T HAVE REMEMBERED YOUR NAME! AND THE POSTMAN WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO DELIVER YOUR BOOKS! YOU NEVER HAD AMNESIA!



THE GAME'S UP, I GUESS! SURE, YOU WERE RIGHT! I DIDN'T WANT TO GET MARRIED, SO I RAN OUT! I ONLY CAME BACK BECAUSE I SPOTTED YOU MAKING BANK DEPOSITS EVERY WEEK!



YOU'VE BEEN SPYING ON ME! YOU MUST HAVE SEEN ME WITH MIKE! YOU WERE ONLY AFTER MY MONEY!

LOOKS LIKE I WON'T GET IT, AFTER ALL! GO ON! GO TO YOUR SOLDIER-BOY! I'M NO GOOD -- I KNOW IT! BUT, THAT'S THE WAY I AM!



I'M SORRY FOR YOU, BRUCE... REALLY SORRY! YOU'RE A FOOL! GOOD BYE!

AND SO I CLOSED THE DOOR FOREVER ON THE PAST, AND SOON I MADE THE JOURNEY TO THE FUTURE, THE LONG JOURNEY ACROSS THE SEA TO THE HAVEN OF MY TRUE LOVE'S ARMS!



MY HUSBAND... MY DARLING HUSBAND!

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THE MAN I LOVED FLEW OFF INTO THE DARKNESS -- PERHAPS NEVER TO RETURN! AND AS I STOOD THERE WITH THE OTHERS WHO SHARED MY HEARTACHE I WONDERED IF MY LOVE FOR AN AIR FORCE PILOT WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF...

The Wives They Leave Behind



IT WAS NOT ONLY MY LAST EVENING IN TOKYO BUT MY LAST ONE WITH CAPTAIN JOHN ELLIOT WITH WHOM I HAD MANAGED TO FALL SECRETLY IN LOVE WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS!

IT'S BEEN AWFULLY NICE OF YOU TO SHOW ME THE TOWN, CAPTAIN! I'LL... BE SAILING TOMORROW! DAD'S FINISHED HIS BUSINESS HERE IN JAPAN!

I KNOW...! GOSH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO WITHOUT YOU AROUND, MISS BRETT! THESE LAST TWO DAYS HAVE SEEMED LIKE HEAVEN TO ME!

ME TOO...! PERHAPS I CAN TRAVEL WITH DAD AGAIN WHEN HE RETURNS IN A YEAR... OR TWO! IN THE MEANTIME I'M SURE THERE WILL BE OTHER BUSINESSMEN'S DAUGHTERS TO... TO TAKE MY PLACE!

NO... THAT WOULD BE QUITE IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A GIRL LIKE YOU... HELEN!



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AS WE LOOKED INTO ONE ANOTHER'S EYES OUR STRONG, HIDDEN LOVE WAS CONVEYED... IN SILENCE! THEN...

I... LOVE YOU, HELEN! DON'T LEAVE ME... EVER!

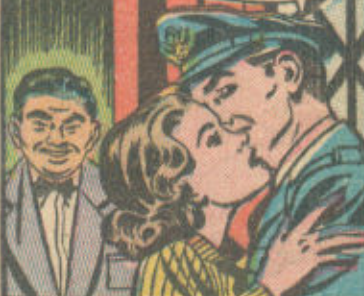
OH, JOHN... JOHN, MY DARLING! OF COURSE I WON'T! THANK HEAVEN WE'VE ADMITTED IT-- BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE!

YES, I'D TRAVELED HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD TO FIND THE HAPPINESS I'D ALWAYS DREAMED OF! AND IN HIS POWERFUL ARMS I COULDN'T HELP BUT WONDER AT THE STRANGENESS OF IT ALL...



GRACIOUS! THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO! MOST OF MY LUGGAGE HAS BEEN SHIPPED TO THE DOCK-- AND THERE'S THE MATTER OF MY PASSPORT AND...

...AND THERE'S YOUR PARENTS! I THINK WE'D BETTER PUT THEM AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST! THEY MIGHT HAVE SOME OBJECTION-- THIS HAS ALL BEEN SO SUDDEN!



NEEDLESS TO SAY MOM AND DAD WERE CAUGHT UNAWARES! BUT THEY FINALLY CONSENTED TO MY STRAYS --ON ONE CONDITION!

YOUR FATHER AND I DON'T WANT TO APPEAR BOSSY, HELEN, BUT WE DO THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU TWO WAIT AWHILE BEFORE MARRYING! GIVE YOURSELVES TIME TO BE SURE!

WE'LL DO AS YOU ASK, MOM! BUT WE ARE... SURE!

GOODBYE, MR. AND MRS. BRETT! I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR DAUGHTER!



PLEASE DON'T TAKE OFFENSE ♪SOB♪ JOHN-- BUT IT IS DIFFICULT SAYING GOODBYE TO LOVED ONES WHO HAVE MEANT SO MUCH TO YOU! ♪SOB♪ ♪SOB♪

GO ON, HONEY, HAVE YOURSELF A GOOD CRY! YOU'LL SOON SNAP OUT OF IT! THE BOYS DOWN AT THE OFFICER'S CLUB ARE THROWING A LITTLE PARTY FOR US TONIGHT! THEIR WIVES WILL TELL YOU THE WOES OF BEING MARRIED TO A PILOT!

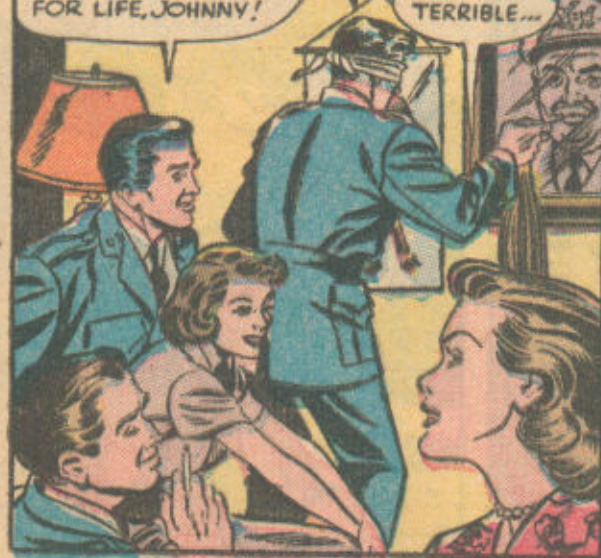


HAW! IF THE GENERAL COULD SEE YOU NOW YOU'D BE GROUNDED FOR LIFE, JOHNNY!

HA, HA, HA!

OH, JOHN! YOU'RE SIMPLY TERRIBLE...

THAT EVENING I MET JOHN'S "BUDDIES" AND THEIR WIVES. THEY WERE ALL WONDERFUL AND IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO BRUSH ASIDE MY SADNESS...



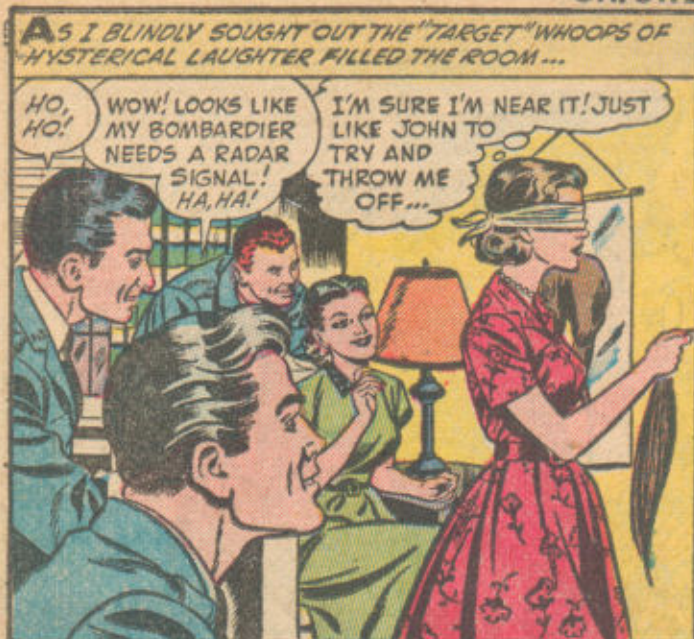
ALL RIGHT, LITTLE MISS KNOW-IT-ALL --LET'S SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT BLIND FLYING!

GO AHEAD, HELEN! SHOW HIM WHO'S GOING TO BE BOSS IN YOUR FAMILY!

VERY WELL... I ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!



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THE THOUGHT WAS LIKE A DAGGER STABBING AT MY HEART! IT ALL BECAME SO CLEAR NOW... THEIR ACTIONS... SILENCE... FEARS!

THEY'RE FLYING INTO COMBAT-- NIGHT RAIDERS OVER KOREA! AND... JOHN'S ONE OF THEM! OH, NO! NO!



WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! I NEVER REALIZED JOHN WAS IN THE WAR WHILE STATIONED HERE IN JAPAN! HOW FRIGHTENING... HOW UTTERLY TERRIBLE TO KNOW I... I MAY NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!



AND THE POOR WIVES OF PILOTS--THOSE THEY LEAVE BEHIND TO SEARCH THE SKY WITH A LOOK OF DESPAIR! IS MARRIAGE TO A PILOT WORTH THE TORTUROUS WAITING... WATCHING... NEVER KNOWING UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE?



THEY'RE USED TO THIS SORT OF THING--IT'S JUST A JOB TO THEM! THEY'VE GONE THROUGH THIS TORMENT SO LONG THEY HAVE NO EMOTIONS! HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE ME TO BECOME ONE OF THEM?

AS WE SAT THERE WAITING FOR OUR MEN TO RETURN HARDLY A WORD PASSED BETWEEN US! THE SILENCE... THE SUSPENSE WAS UN-BEARABLE...

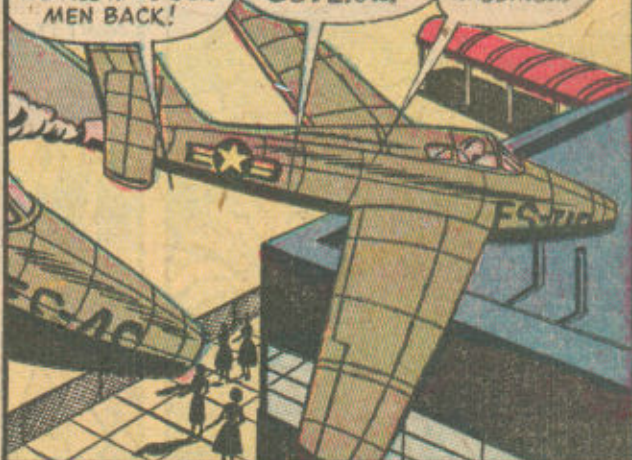


IT WAS DAWN WHEN THE SWISHING JETS BROUGHT US TO OUR FEET! OUR HEARTS, HEAVY WITH WORRY, BEAT LIKE TRIP HAMMERS AS...

HERE THEY COME! WE ALL HAVE OUR MEN BACK!

T-THERE'S ONLY SEVEN...!

ONE IS MISSING...!



O-ONE! PLEASE... DON'T LET IT BE JOHN! IT... CAN'T BE!



AS THE MEN WALKED TOWARD US MY EYES FLASHED WITH ANXIETY FROM ONE TO THE OTHER, THEN...

THERE HE IS! JOHN! JOHN! THANK HEAVEN YOU ARE SAFE!





BUT THEN... WHO DIDN'T COME BACK?
OH, POOR ANN WINTERS... WE'VE GOT
TO DO SOMETHING FOR HER!

FORGET
IT, HELEN!



JOHN'S WORDS ROUSED MY ANGER! THEY SEEMED SO
RUTHLESS... CRUEL... UNKIND...

FORGET IT! WHAT KIND OF A MAN ARE YOU?
THAT POOR GIRL JUST LOST HER HUSBAND...
SHE'LL NEVER SEE HIM
AGAIN AND YOU PASS
IT OFF LIKE THAT!

STEADY,
HELEN...
JOHN'S
RIGHT!



WHAT! I--I THINK YOU'RE ALL MAD!
NONE OF YOU HAVE ANY FEELINGS--
YOU'RE LIKE MACHINES! YOU TREAT
DEATH LIKE IT WAS A TOY! AFTER YOU'VE
PLAYED WITH IT YOU
TOSS IT ASIDE AND
FORGET IT!

HELEN, PLEASE...



THERE'S NOTHING
ANYONE CAN DO
OR SAY TO ANN
IN A SITUATION
LIKE THIS! IT'S
BEST SHE'S
ALONE... SHE'D
WANT IT THAT
WAY!

WELL, I WOULDN'T--
NOR ANY PART OF
A LIFE LIKE THIS AS
A MATTER OF FACT!
YOU'RE ONLY OFFER-
ING ME HALF A
MARRIAGE, JOHN! THE
REST OF IT I'D SPEND
STANDING ON THIS AIR-
FIELD WONDERING IF YOU'RE
DEAD OR NOT!



PERHAPS I'M GREEDY BUT I WANT
ALL OF THE MAN I MARRY--OR
NONE! I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY
LONGER! I'M LEAVING--I'M
GOING HOME TO MY FOLKS!



HELEN! WHAT ON
EARTH ARE YOU
DOING HERE?

ANN! OH, I WAS HOPING TO
SEE YOU BEFORE I LEFT! I
WANTED TO TELL YOU HOW
SORRY I WAS ABOUT YOUR
HUSBAND! THEY WERE SO
CRUEL TO YOU LAST NIGHT
AT THE AIRFIELD!

AND SO
MY ROMANCE
SHATTERED
AND MY
GUEST
FOR ANN-
KIND
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PREPARED
TO DEPART
ON THE
MORNING
PLANE TO
THE STATES!
BUT THEN...



CRUEL? WHATEVER DO
YOU MEAN? I THOUGHT
IT RATHER DECENT OF
THEM NOT TO FUSS OVER
ME! I COULDN'T HAVE
TAKEN IT!

WHAT? BUT WHEN YOUR
HUSBAND DIDN'T RETURN
DIDN'T YOU FEEL HELP-
LESS... ALONE? HOW
COULD YOU BRAVE SUCH
A THING WITHOUT ANY-
ONE TO TURN TO?

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I'M AFRAID YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT MARRIAGE, DEAR! LOSING MY HUSBAND DIDN'T WIPE OUT THE MANY HAPPY MEMORIES I HAVE OF HIM! OUR LOVE WAS STRONGER THAN THAT....



...AND WHEN MEMORIES FADE THERE'LL BE LITTLE RONNY HERE TO TAKE HIS PLACE! NO, HELEN! I'M AFRAID YOU'VE GOT THINGS ALL WRONG!

YES... I CAN SEE THAT NOW! I'VE BEEN SELFISH ASKING JOHN FOR A FULL MARRIAGE! AFTER ALL, IT WOULD ONLY BE HALF A MARRIAGE FOR HIM TOO!



IF YOU'RE DOING WHAT I THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOUNG LADY, I'D HUSSE OUT TO THE AIRPORT AND ASK JOHN'S FORGIVENESS!

I-- I WILL, ANN! AND THANKS LOADS FOR PUTTING ME RIGHT! I'VE ACTED LIKE A SCHOOL GIRL!



WHEN I FOUND JOHN THERE WAS BUT ONE THOUGHT UPPERMOST IN MY MIND! WOULD HE FORGIVE MY CHILDISH ANTICS...

JOHN! WAIT UP... I MUST SPEAK TO YOU!

YOU SAID ENOUGH LAST NIGHT TO LAST ME A LIFETIME, HONEY!



B-BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M HERE TO ASK YOUR FORGIVENESS! PLEASE... PLEASE FORGIVE WHAT I SAID!

WELL, I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU! AT LEAST YOU LEARN FAST! NOW C'MERE AND GIVE YOUR FUTURE HUSBAND A KISS!



NOTHING WILL EVER HAPPEN TO YOU... BUT IF IT SHOULD OUR LOVE WILL NEVER DIE, WILL IT, DEAR?

THAT'S RIGHT, HELEN! LOVE ISN'T SOMETHING YOU BUY, OR SELL OR LOSE! IT WILL BE WITH US ALWAYS!

AND SO, I BECAME ONE OF THE WIVES THEY LEAVE BEHIND! BUT STRANGELY I HAVE NO SENSE OF FEAR NOW FOR I KNOW THAT JOHN WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART...



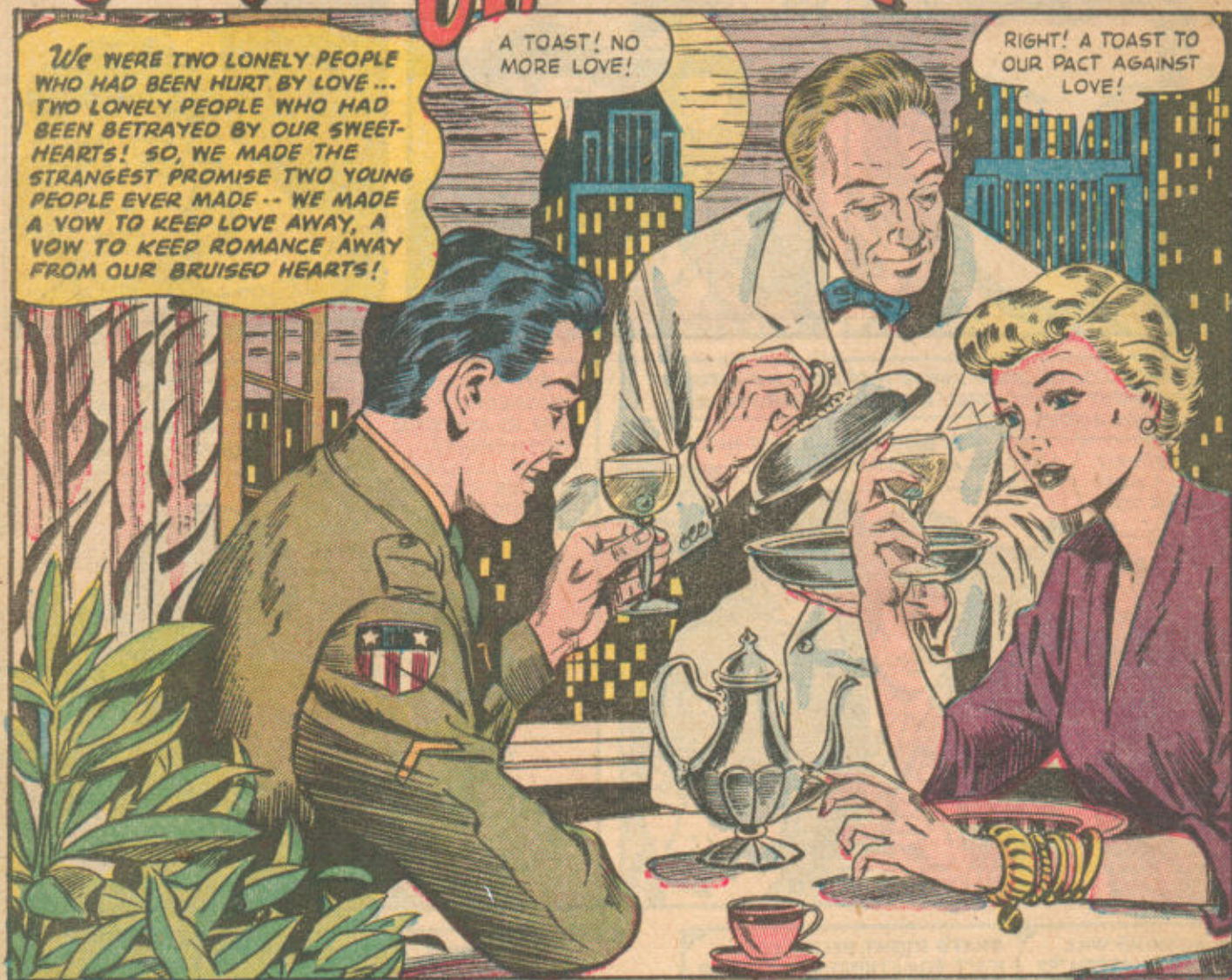
GOODBYE, MY DEAREST! HURRY BACK... I'LL BE WAITING!

Non-Affection Pact

We WERE TWO LONELY PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN HURT BY LOVE... TWO LONELY PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN BETRAYED BY OUR SWEET-HEARTS! SO, WE MADE THE STRANGEST PROMISE TWO YOUNG PEOPLE EVER MADE -- WE MADE A VOW TO KEEP LOVE AWAY, A VOW TO KEEP ROMANCE AWAY FROM OUR BRUISED HEARTS!

A TOAST! NO MORE LOVE!

RIGHT! A TOAST TO OUR PACT AGAINST LOVE!



I STUMBLED INTO THE PARK THAT NIGHT BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE ALONE WHERE I COULD WEEP, LET THE TEARS WASH AWAY THE MISERY AND HEARTACHE...

SOB! OH, DON...DON... SOB! WHY DID YOU LET ME GO ON THINKING YOU STILL LOVED ME? SOB!



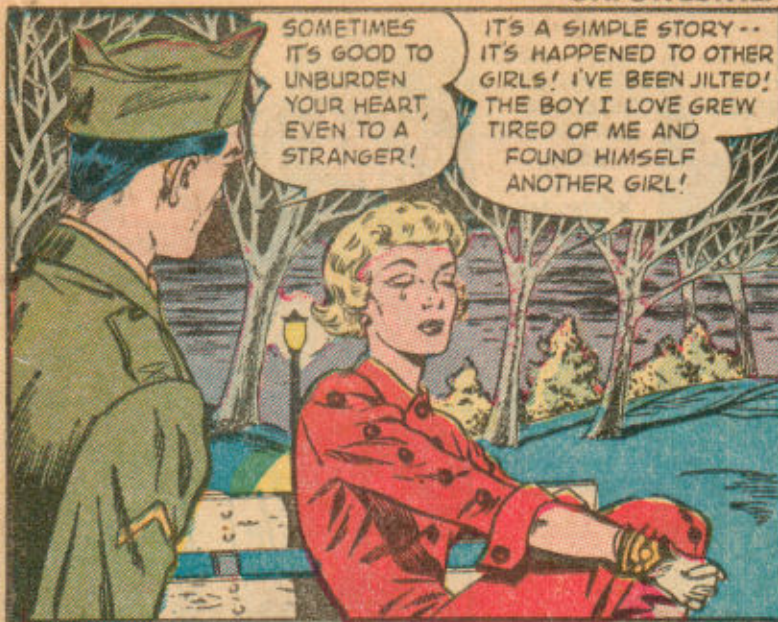
Then A VOICE, A MAN'S VOICE, FULL OF CONCERN, INTRUDED UPON MY THOUGHTS...

I DIDN'T MEAN TO BUTT IN, MISS, BUT IS ANYTHING WRONG? I--I COULDN'T HELP HEARING YOU CRY...

OH, I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE A SPECTACLE OF MYSELF! BUT I JUST FEEL SO MISERABLE! SOB!

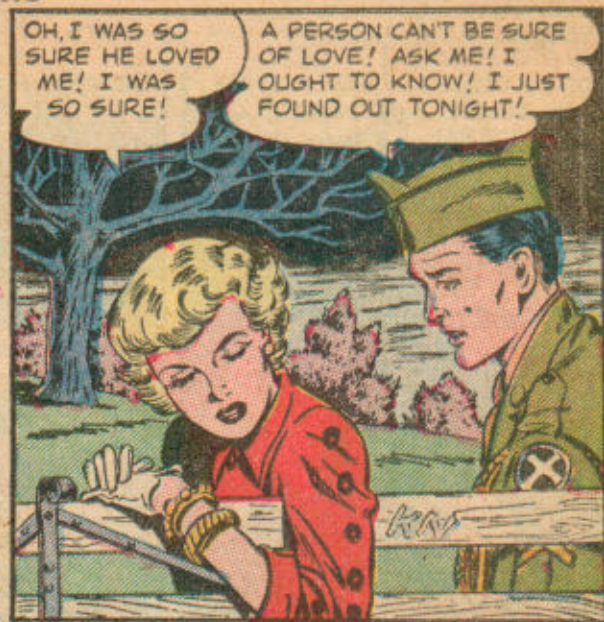


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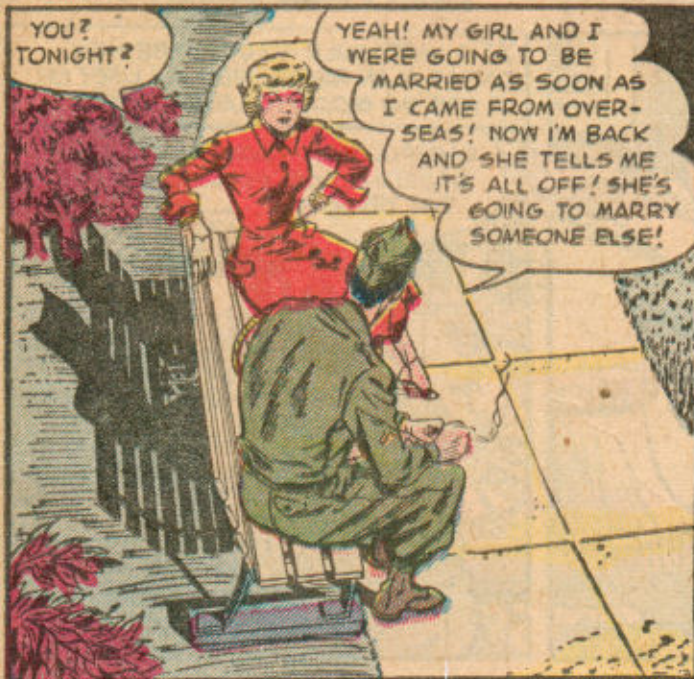
SOMETIMES
IT'S GOOD TO
UNBURDEN
YOUR HEART,
EVEN TO A
STRANGER!

IT'S A SIMPLE STORY --
IT'S HAPPENED TO OTHER
GIRLS! I'VE BEEN JILTED!
THE BOY I LOVE GREW
TIRED OF ME AND
FOUND HIMSELF
ANOTHER GIRL!



OH, I WAS SO
SURE HE LOVED
ME! I WAS
SO SURE!

A PERSON CAN'T BE SURE
OF LOVE! ASK ME! I
OUGHT TO KNOW! I JUST
FOUND OUT TONIGHT!



YOU?
TONIGHT?

YEAH! MY GIRL AND I
WERE GOING TO BE
MARRIED AS SOON AS
I CAME FROM OVER-
SEAS! NOW I'M BACK
AND SHE TELLS ME
IT'S ALL OFF! SHE'S
GOING TO MARRY
SOMEONE ELSE!



SO HERE WE ARE,
THE TWO OF US --
REJECTED BY THE
SWEETHEARTS WE
ONCE LOVED! FUNNY
COINCIDENCE,
ISN'T IT?

WE'VE BOTH BEEN HURT! I
DON'T EVER WANT TO
FALL IN LOVE AGAIN
AND MAKE THE SAME
MISTAKE AGAIN!



BUT IT COULD
HAPPEN AGAIN --
FASTER THAN
YOU THINK!
YOU MIGHT
MEET A GUY
AND FALL
IN LOVE --
ON THE
REBOUND!

YES, AND
SOMEDAY I'D
COME TO MY
SENSES AND
REALIZE I DON'T
REALLY LOVE
MY REBOUND
SWEETHEART! I
MIGHT EVEN
HAVE MARRIED
HIM --



AND BY THEN
IT WOULD
BE TOO
LATE! I
MUST
AVOID
REBOUND
LOVE ...

SAME HERE! BUT
WE COULD IF WE
REJECTED OTHER
COMPANIONS FOR
AWHILE, TILL WE
GOT OVER OUR
HEARTBREAK!
SUPPOSE WE
HELP EACH OTHER?



I DON'T LOVE YOU, AND
YOU DON'T LOVE ME --
SO WE'D BE SAFE IN
DATING EACH OTHER!
BY DOING THAT WE'D
AVOID DATING OTHER
PEOPLE AND PREVENT
LOVE ON THE
REBOUND!

OH, IT'S
AN IDEAL
SOLUTION!

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WE'LL BOTH SEE TO IT THAT EACH OF US DOESN'T FALL IN LOVE AGAIN! IT WILL BE A PACT AGAINST LOVE!

EXACTLY! OUR NON-AFFECTION PACT!



THAT'S A PROMISE!

LET'S SHAKE ON IT, PARTNER!

That NIGHT I WENT HOME FEELING AS THOUGH A BURDEN HAD BEEN LIFTED FROM MY HEART! I COULD EVEN LOOK AT DON'S PICTURE WITHOUT FEELING A SICKENING RUSH OF EMOTION!



GOOD BYE, DON! I'LL NEVER CRY OVER YOU AGAIN!



NO MORE SOBBING MYSELF TO SLEEP ANYMORE! NO MORE WEEPING OVER LOST LOVE AGAIN! I'VE GOT PRIVATE ALAN WILSON KEEPING GUARD OVER MY HEART FROM NOW ON!



It's IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE HOW DATING ALAN REVITALIZED MY LIFE! OH, IT WAS SO GOOD TO LAUGH AGAIN!

CAREFUL NOW -- HOLD YOUR BREATH -- NOW PULL THE TRIGGER!

CLANG



IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU HAPPY LIKE THIS! YOU LOOKED SO PATHETIC LAST NIGHT!

AND YOU! YOUR FACE LOST THAT GRIM, DRAWN LOOK!



WE'RE BOTH GOOD FOR EACH OTHER! ANNE, I THINK THIS PACT OF OURS IS GOING TO WORK OUT FINE FOR US!

I AGREE, ALAN! WE'VE NOTHING TO WORRY US NOW!

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OUR NON-AFFECTION PACT REALLY WORKED! ALAN SAW TO IT THAT I NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO GET INTERESTED IN OTHER MEN!



MIND IF I DANCE WITH MY OWN WIFE, FELLA?

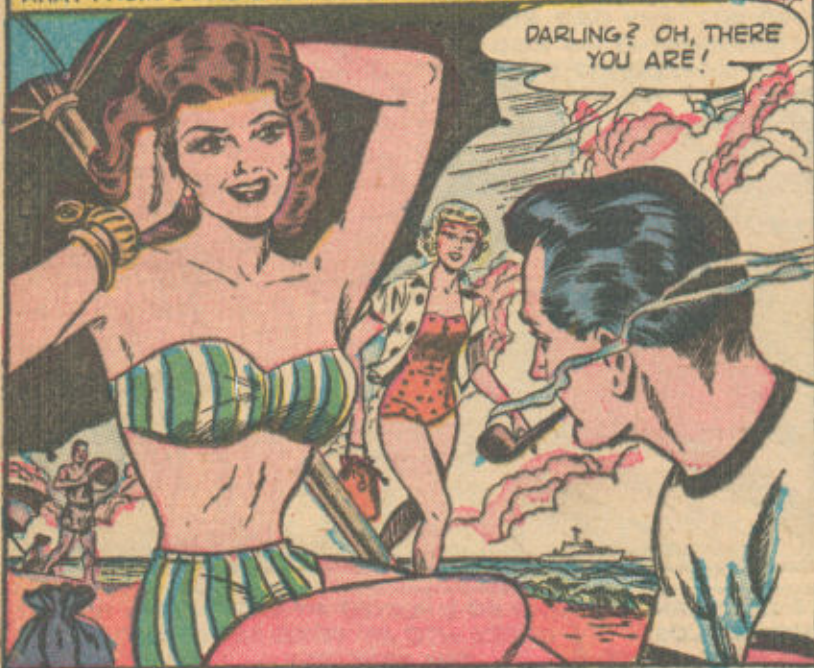
WIFE? EXCUSE ME, SOLDIER!

SIGH! YOUR "WIFE" ROUTINE CERTAINLY SCARED HIM AWAY! SIGH! TOO BAD! HE WAS SO HANDSOME!

TOO HANDSOME! YOU MIGHT HAVE FALLEN FOR HIM! LOVE ON THE REBOUND? YOU WANTED TO AVOID THAT, REMEMBER?



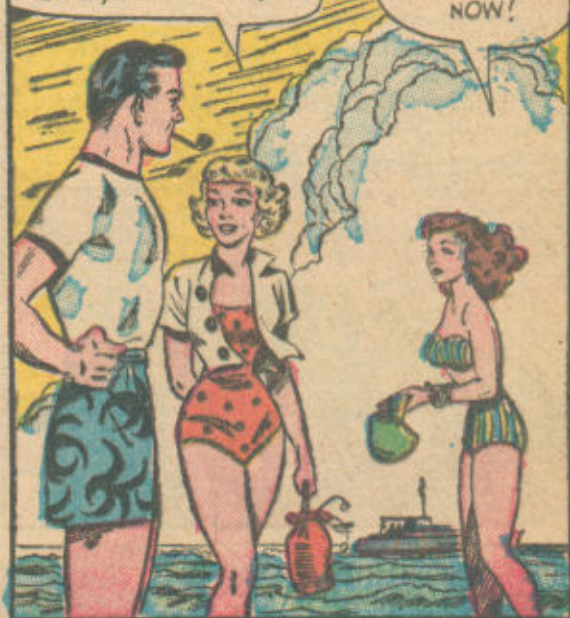
NATURALLY, THERE WERE TIMES I HAD TO KEEP ALAN AWAY FROM SOME BEWITCHINGLY BEAUTIFUL WOMEN ..



DARLING? OH, THERE YOU ARE!

WE'D BETTER LEAVE FOR HOME, DARLING! OUR BABY-SITTER WANTS TO GET OFF EARLY, REMEMBER?

BABY-SITTER! I-I THINK I'LL GO IN FOR A SWIM, NOW!



SORRY I HAD TO SPOIL YOUR FUN, ALAN.. BUT YOU HAD THAT "I-COULD-GO-FOR-YOU" LOOK IN YOUR EYES!

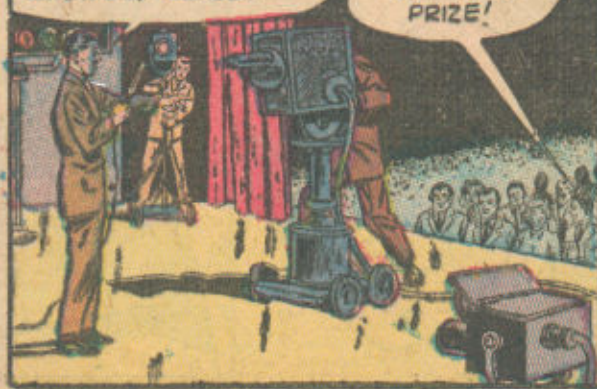
THANKS FOR RESCUING ME, ANNE! IT WAS A CLOSE CALL!



Then ONE NIGHT, AS WE ATTENDED A TV QUIZ BROADCAST...

NOW I NEED A YOUNG COUPLE FROM THE AUDIENCE! AH, WON'T YOU TWO COME ONSTAGE, PLEASE?

HOW ABOUT IT, ANNE? MAYBE WE CAN WIN A PRIZE!



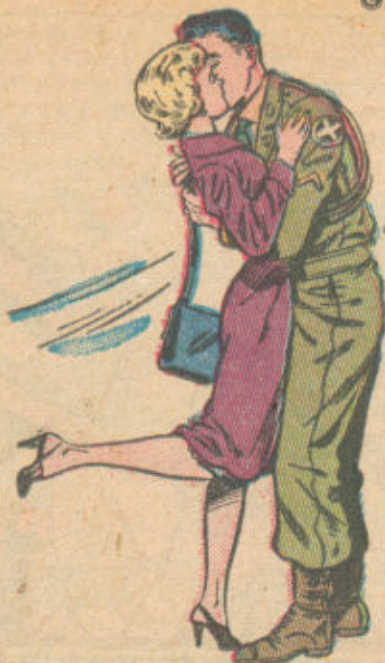
FIRST THE PENALTY, SOLDIER! OUR TV. AUDIENCE WANTS TO SEE YOU KISS THIS GIRL! C'MON, BE GOOD SPORTS! SHE'S PRETTY ENOUGH TO KISS, SOLDIER!

A-ALL RIGHT, ALAN! WELL, ANNE..?



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THEN HIS WARM LIPS CLAIMED MINE WITH A STRANGE, AND SWEET TENDERNESS! IN THAT EXQUISITE MOMENT I FORGOT THE TV AUDIENCE AS I FOUND MYSELF RESPONDING TO HIS THRILLING KISS!



WELL, WELL! YOU KISSED EACH OTHER AS IF YOU REALLY MEANT IT! ANYONE CAN TELL YOU TWO ARE IN LOVE!

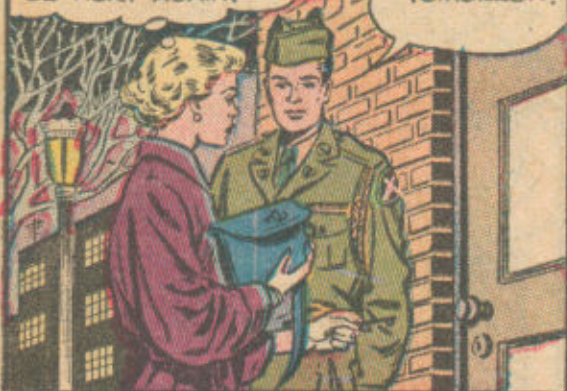
LOVE? IT ISN'T POSSIBLE! I NEVER THOUGHT OF ALAN IN THAT LIGHT BEFORE!



THAT NIGHT, AS WE PARTED, I COULD SEE HE WAS PLAINLY DISTURBED! FOR ONCE HE SEEMED AWKWARD AND AVOIDED MY EYES ...

HE'S REMEMBERING WHAT THE MC SAID! HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM! HE'S AFRAID HE'LL BE HURT AGAIN!

UH...
...NIGHT, ANNE!
SEE YOU TOMORROW!

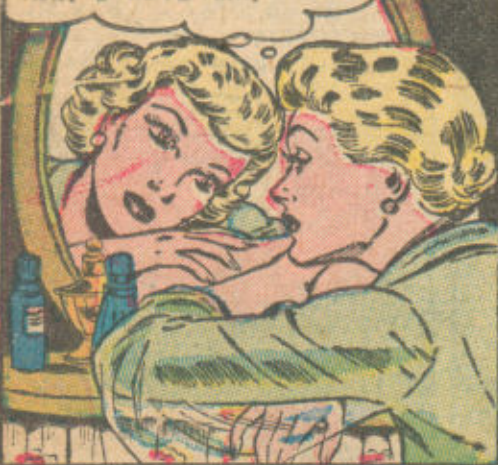


AM I REALLY FALLING IN LOVE WITH ALAN? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? WHY DO I KEEP REMEMBERING HIS KISS-- THE COMFORTING STRENGTH OF HIS ARMS



WHO AM I TRYING TO FOOL? I'M NOT A CHILD ANY LONGER! I KNOW THE TRUTH! I DO LOVE ALAN, HIS BOYISH SMILE, HIS THOUGHTFUL EYES -- OH, YES, I LOVE HIM! I LOVE HIM!

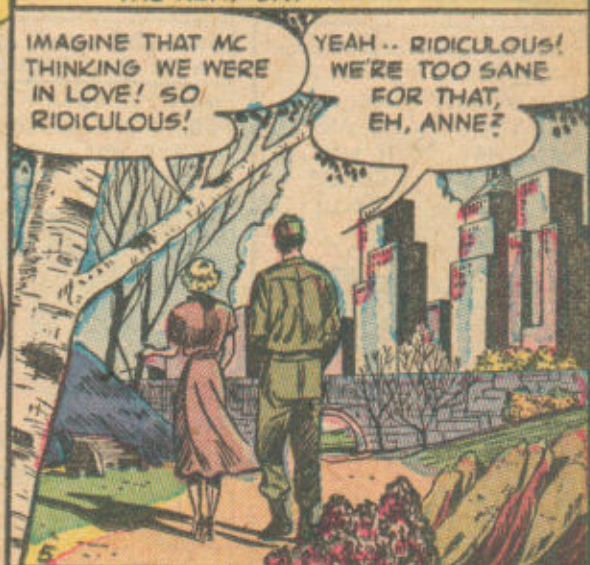
BUT IF I TELL ALAN I LOVE HIM, I'LL LOSE HIM! WE MADE A PACT, AND HE INTENDS TO KEEP IT! I MUSTN'T EVEN LET ALAN SUSPECT I LOVE HIM!



AND SO I PLAYED MY PART! I PUT FORCED GAIETY INTO MY VOICE AS WE MET THE NEXT DAY ...

IMAGINE THAT MC THINKING WE WERE IN LOVE! SO RIDICULOUS!

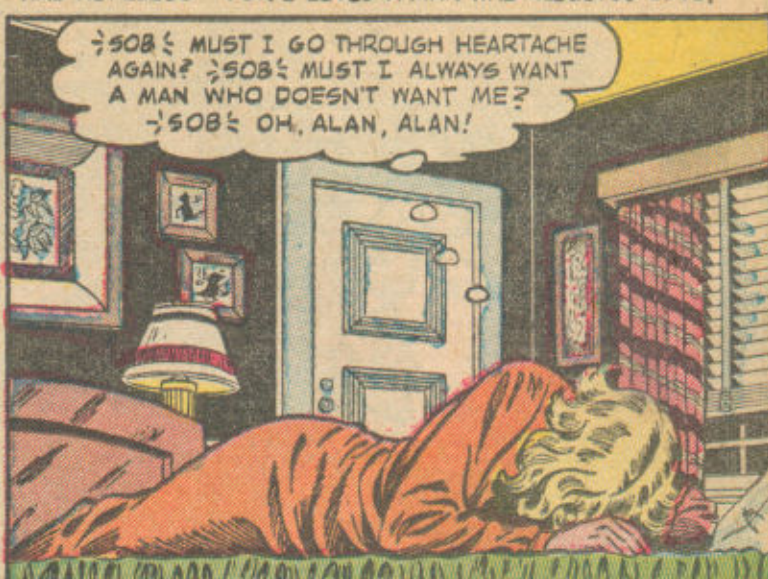
YEAH.. RIDICULOUS! WE'RE TOO SANE FOR THAT, EH, ANNE?



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WHEN ALAN LEFT, I CRIED BITTERLY, KNOWING MY YEARNING WAS HOPELESS -- FOR I LOVED A MAN WHO REJECTED LOVE!



I COULDN'T STAND THE TORTURE ANY LONGER! I KNEW WHAT I HAD TO DO WHEN ALAN CALLED THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...



WE'RE BOTH PAST THE REBOUND STAGE NOW-- WE'RE BOTH IMMUNE TO LOVE! THE PACT HAS SERVED ITS PURPOSE! WE DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE!

OH, I SEE! I-I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! IT REALLY WORKED FOR YOU DIDN'T IT?

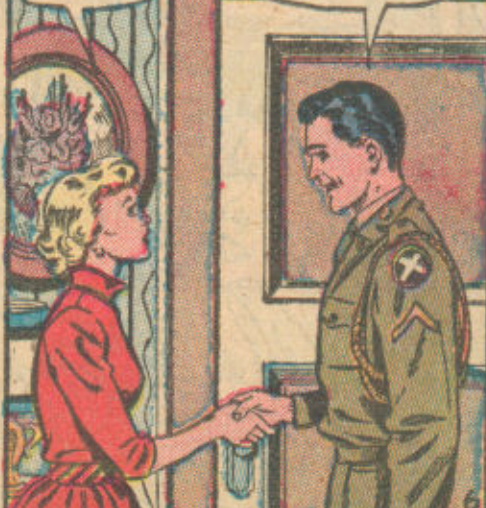


YES, THAT'S WHY I THINK I OUGHT TO START GOING OUT WITH OTHER FELLOWS AGAIN!

SURE! I'VE GOT SOME TELEPHONE NUMBERS I CAN USE! THINK I'LL GIVE THAT BEACH BLONDE A RING!

WELL, ALAN... IT'S BEEN FUN HASN'T IT?

UH-HUH! SO LONG ANNE! SEE YOU AROUND SOMETIME!



SOB! OH, ALAN, ALAN! IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW IT HURT TO LIE TO YOU... TO NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN! SOB!



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AFTER THAT I TRIED TO FORGET ALAN BY DATING OTHER BOYS, BUT IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT I SHOULD RUN INTO HIM ONE NIGHT



HI, ANNE!

ALAN ... AND THAT BRASSY BLONDE!

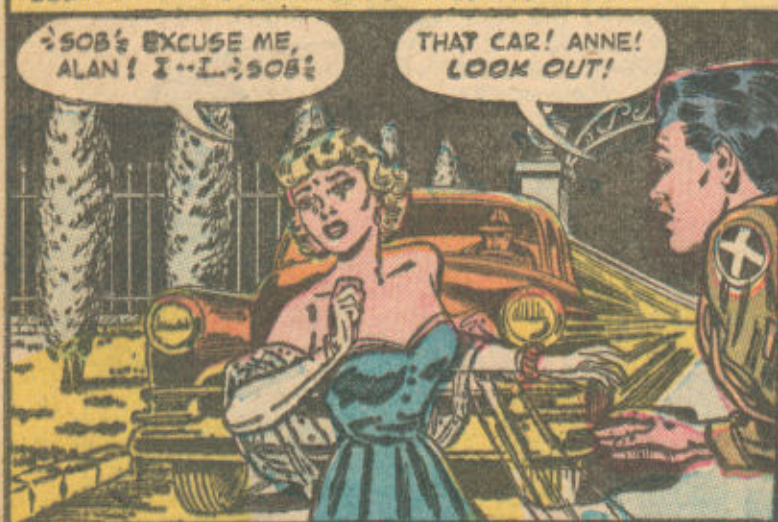
LATER, WE WALKED IN THE GARDEN TOGETHER, CHAT-
TING IDLY, WHEN ALAN SAID
SOMETHING THAT SUP-
FOCATED MY HEART

...SO, SINCE I
HAVE NO WIFE,
NO FAMILY TIES,
I FIGURED
I'LL RE-ENLIST
TOMORROW!

OH ... YOU
MEAN ...
YOU'LL GO
OVERSEAS
AGAIN.. INTO
BATTLE! BUT
THIS TIME, YOU
MIGHT NEVER
COME BACK!
OH, ALAN!



IT WAS THEN THAT I BROKE DOWN COMPLETELY! MY NERVES
COULDN'T STAND ANOTHER SHATTERING SHOCK ...



SOB! EXCUSE ME,
ALAN! I--I--SOB!

THAT CAR! ANNE!
LOOK OUT!

YOU CRAZY
KID! YOU
WERE ALMOST
KILLED!

I DON'T CARE! SOB!
YOU DON'T LOVE ME!
I DON'T CARE WHAT
HAPPENS TO ME
NOW! SOB!



ANNE, ARE
YOU TELLING
ME THAT
YOU LOVE
ME?

YES, YES! I TRIED
TO KEEP OUR
PACT, BUT I
COULDN'T HELP
MYSELF! I WAS
AFRAID TO TELL
YOU!



OH, MY DARLING! I WAS
AFRAID TO TELL YOU,
TOO! OH, ANNE, ANNE,
WHAT FOOLS WE'VE
BEEN!



FROM NOW ON THE
ONLY PACT WE'LL
KEEP IS OUR
MARRIAGE VOW!

OH,
DARLING...
-- MY
DARLING!



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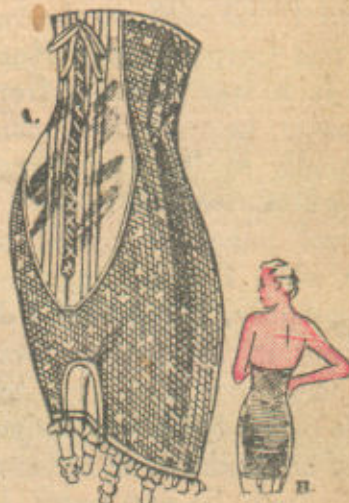
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Love Came Last

ALL my life I, April Adams, had been driven by an ambition to be someone important and when I enlisted in the Women's Army Corps, my plan was to work for an appointment to Officers' Candidate School. I wanted to advance to a position of command and I was well on the road to my goal when I met Corporal Jack Ransome.

Jack was different from the other men I'd known, he was nice looking though not exceptionally so. The thing that made him different, I guess, was the way I felt about him. I'd never imagined myself in love with anyone, so when I found that Jack was on my mind constantly, I felt that I'd better do something about it. At first he wasn't really interested in me other than as a WAC who worked in the office, but I was curious to explore this feeling he produced in me and so whenever I knew he was to be at a party, I arranged to be there and before long, we were seeing each other regularly.

"I thought you were so busy bucking for rank, you didn't have time for dates, April," he teased. The remark hit home, but I tried to answer in a bantering tone, "Maybe I am, Corporal, but your dashing ways distract me." That was the only time the subject was mentioned until my appointment to OCS came through and I realized my dream was within reach. When I told Jack I'd be going away, a cloud passed over his face. "I'm sorry to hear it, honey," he said seriously. "Of course I'm glad you made the grade, but it'll make a difference between us and since I'm in love with you, I didn't want anything to bust it up." I realized that Jack's confession of love was the most thrilling thing that had ever happened to me and for the moment, I considered tossing aside my chance for advancement. But that night after taps, as I thought it over I could feel my insatiable ambition winning out.

I think Jack must have known what went on in my thoughts because as the time drew near for me to leave, he occasionally made a remark about my career being more important to me than he was. I chided him for being

jealous because I'd be an officer while he was still an enlisted man. "You may have something at that, April," he said ruefully.

When I left, I kissed him goodbye with a passion I'd never known before and we were only apart a week when I realized how very much I missed him. My studies were interesting and as usual, I worked hard to be at the top of my class, but in spite of all the work, I still found time to write to Jack daily and I was disappointed when he didn't reply immediately. When his letter finally came, it was not the endearing love letter I had anticipated. Instead it was a friendly communique wishing me well and stating that he felt we would be wise to forget that we had known each other. His words tore me apart, because as I read, I realized that by determinedly pursuing my aspirations I was destroying my chance for happiness with the man I loved. If only I'd turned back then, I'm sure I could have saved our love. But foolishly, I believed that once commissioned I could return and win Jack over to my way of thinking. However, I had reckoned without that strong-minded Corporal.

I finished my studies with honors and was duly commissioned. I was a passenger on the first plane back to my original base and I called Jack from the airport. He couldn't be located, so I didn't wait, I hurriedly took a cab to the camp. When I finally tracked Jack down, he was reluctant to see me. But I coaxed until he made a date to meet me in town that evening.

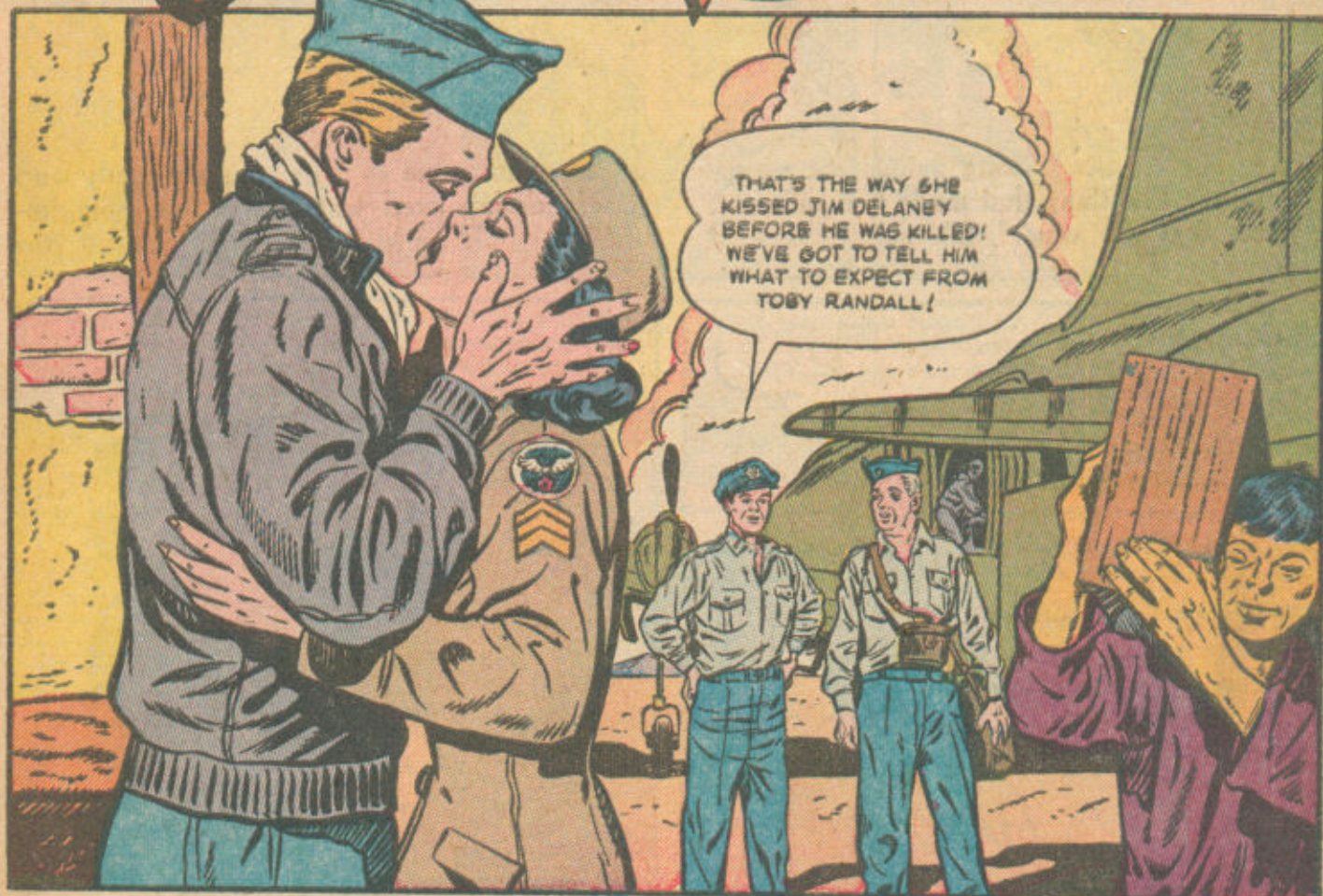
By the time dinner was over, I knew from the tone of his voice that I had sacrificed my future by wanting to be better than everyone . . . including my man. "I couldn't be happy married to a woman whose ambition is as strong as yours, April," he said. "When you refused even to discuss it, I knew it was over between us. I'm afraid I'm just an old-fashioned guy, in my house, I've got to be top man."

I had no rebuttal, everything Jack said was true. And now, several years later, I'm constantly reminded of it. A Captain Jack Ransome has just arrived at my base.

G.I. SWEETHEARTS

THERE WASN'T MUCH COMPETITION FOR DATES AT THE AIR BASE IN JAPAN WHERE I WORKED AS A WAG WEATHER OBSERVER! BUT EVEN THOUGH THERE WEREN'T MANY OTHER GIRLS AROUND, I FOUND MYSELF LONELY AND HEARTBROKEN, BECAUSE MEN KNEW MY LIPS BORE THE ...

Kiss of Death



IF CAPTAIN JIM DELANEY HADN'T FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ME, MY STORY WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT!

IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING WHY THE OTHER FELLOWS AREN'T BEATING DOWN YOUR DOOR, TOBY, BLAME ME! I TOLD THEM TO STEP ASIDE!

OH, JIM, YOU DIDN'T!

WHY NOT? YOU TOLD ME YOU'D RATHER BE WITH ME THAN ANYONE ELSE HERE AT THE BASE! AND JIM DELANEY COURTS A GIRL THE WAY HE FLIES A JET -- FAST AND FURIOUS!

I CAN'T HELP BEING FOND OF JIM, BUT I HATE TO SEE HIM GET TOO SERIOUS!

I'M SURE HE'S NOT IN LOVE WITH ME, BUT IF I THOUGHT HE WAS, I'D CALL IT QUITS RIGHT NOW! JIM CAN'T EVER BE ANYTHING MORE THAN A FRIEND TO ME!



G.I. SWEETHEARTS

I KNEW IN MY HEART THAT I NEVER ENCOURAGED JIM'S LOVE! BUT ONE NIGHT...

I'M A LUCKY GUY, TOBY! DON'T THINK I'M NOT PROUD OF THE FACT THAT YOU'RE MY GIRL!

IT... ALL DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT, JIM!



I THINK AN AWFUL LOT OF YOU, BUT...

YOU LOVE ME, TOBY! SAY IT, DARLING! YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME AS SOON AS THIS MESS IS OVER!



JIM DIDN'T GIVE ME A CHANCE TO REPLY! SUDDENLY HIS ARMS CLOSED AROUND ME LIKE A VICE, HIS HUNGRY LIPS FOUND MINE, AND THE BEATING OF HIS HEART AGAINST ME WAS LIKE THUNDER!



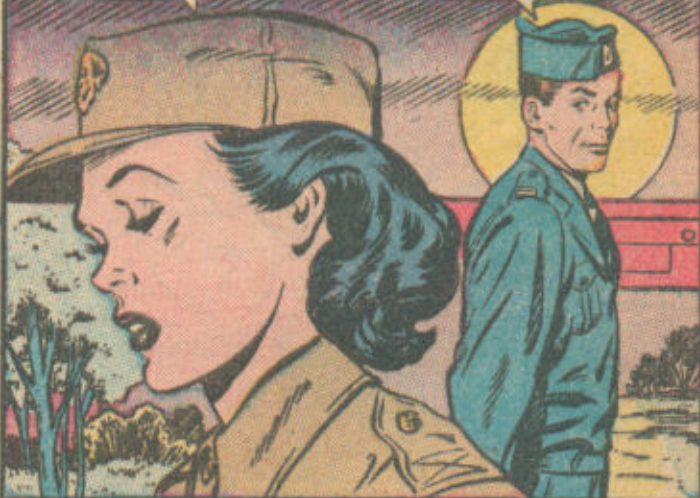
JIM, YOU MUSTN'T! I THOUGHT YOU UNDERSTOOD, BUT YOU DON'T! I...I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH YOU!

YOU DON'T MEAN THAT, TOBY! ALL THESE MONTHS... I WAS SO SURE YOU FELT THE WAY I DO!

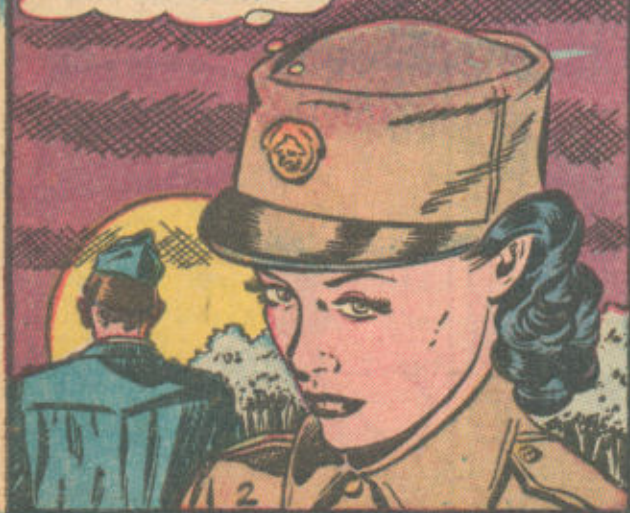


I'M SORRY, JIM! PLEASE DON'T BE HURT! AND... LET'S NOT SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN!

SURE, TOBY! SURE... IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT! FORGET I EVER MENTIONED IT!



I'VE HURT HIM TERRIBLY, BUT HEAVEN KNOWS I DIDN'T MEAN TO! AND IF I WENT ON SEEING HIM, I'D ONLY HURT HIM MORE!



I NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO TELL JIM WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN! TWO DAYS LATER HIS BEST FRIEND, LT. BART PEARCE, GAVE ME THE SHOCKING NEWS!

WELL, YOU WON'T HAVE TO BE BOTHERED WITH JIM ANYMORE! HE DIDN'T COME BACK FROM THAT MISSION LAST NIGHT!

NO! OH, NO, YOU MUST BE WRONG!



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HE'S "PRESUMED SHOT DOWN SOMEWHERE OVER KOREA"! YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE HAD SO MUCH TO LIVE FOR... SO MANY PLANS!

YEAH... HE HAD PLANS, ALL RIGHT! MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL HE DIDN'T COME BACK TO SEE MORE OF HIS DREAMS BITE THE DUST!

WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE JIM? (SOB) THERE WASN'T A FINER PERSON IN THE WORLD!



OR A MORE MISERABLE ONE! I SAW HIM LEAVE ON THAT MISSION...TRIED TO GET THEM TO LET ME GO INSTEAD! I KNEW FROM THE LOOK ON HIS FACE THAT HE WOULDN'T BE BACK!

I WAS TOO GRIEF-STRICKEN TO UNDERSTAND THOSE BITTER WORDS THAT CAME FROM JIM'S CLOSEST FRIEND! BUT MONTHS AFTERWARD, I WAS TO LEARN THEIR REAL MEANING! BUT FIRST I WAS TO LEARN WHAT LONELINESS MEANT!



(SOB)

WHY DO THEY STARE AT ME THAT WAY... AS THOUGH THEY DESPISE ME? EVERY MAN AT THE POST TREATS ME AS THOUGH I WERE POISON!



I DON'T MIND THEIR NOT ASKING FOR DATES...I SORT OF IGNORED THEM WHEN JIM WAS MONOPOLIZING MY TIME! BUT CAN'T THEY SEE I NEED FRIENDS NOW MORE THAN I EVER DID?



IT WASN'T UNTIL CAPTAIN STEVE BANNING CAME TO THE BASE THAT MY HEART BEGAN TO FEEL LIGHT AGAIN!

PRECISELY WHAT DOES A WEATHER OBSERVER DO WHEN SHE'S NOT OBSERVING THE WEATHER? I'M A NEW MAN... YOU'LL HAVE TO BRIEF ME, TOBY!

THIS ONE DOESN'T DO VERY MUCH! I GET AN AWFUL LOT OF READING DONE!



WE'LL HAVE TO CHANGE ALL THAT! HOW ABOUT SHOWING ME WHAT MAKES TOKYO TICK... SAY TONIGHT?

WHY, I... I'D LOVE TO, STEVE!

I'VE BEEN HOPEFUL STEVE WOULD ASK FOR A DATE! HE'S THE KIND OF MAN I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT!



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AND THAT NIGHT...

I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'VE ENJOYED AN EVENING MORE! AND I HATE SIGHT-SEEING, SO IT MUST BE THE COMPANY!

TOKYO LOOKS NEW AND WONDERFUL TO ME TONIGHT, STEVE! MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU!

THIS WON'T BE THE LAST TIME THEN, TOBY! LET'S SAY IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING!

I HOPE SO, STEVE! I'VE BEEN TERRIBLY LONELY, AND SOMEHOW I FEEL ALL THAT'S GOING TO BE CHANGED NOW!



HOW I THRILLED TO STEVE'S KISS, KNOWING THAT AT LAST I HAD MET THE MAN MY HEART HAD WAITED FOR! YET WHEN I SAW HIM THE NEXT DAY...

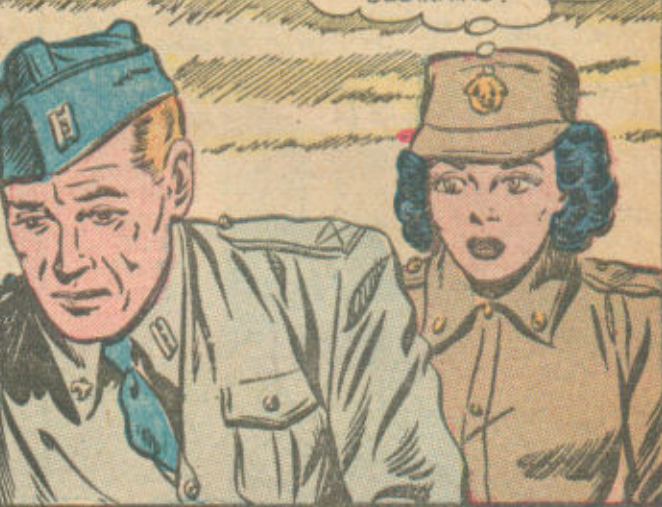
HI, STEVE! THERE'S A JAPANESE PLAY OPENING DOWNTOWN THAT I FORGOT TO TELL YOU LAST NIGHT!

I'M AFRAID I WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED!



ACTUALLY I CAME HERE TO MEET LT. PEARCE! EXCUSE ME, WILL YOU?

WHAT DID I DO TO MAKE HIM ACT THIS WAY? HE SAID LAST NIGHT WAS... JUST THE BEGINNING!

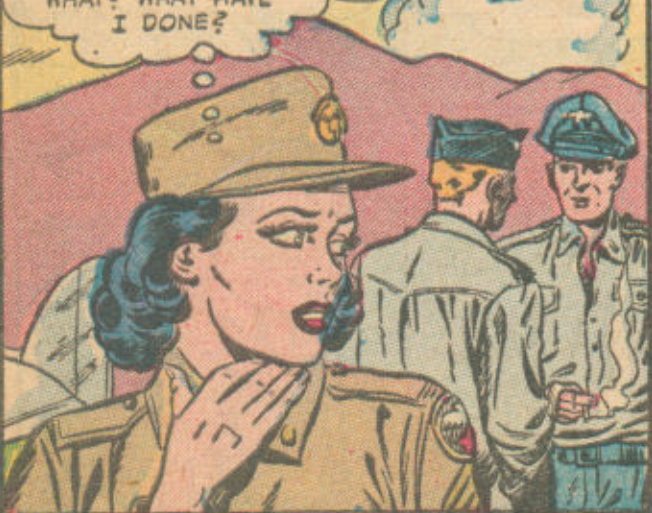


BART PEARCE MUST HAVE SAID SOMETHING TO TURN STEVE AGAINST ME! BUT WHAT? WHAT HAVE I DONE?

TORTURED BY THAT QUESTION I SPENT THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED IN MISERY! I HAD FALLEN HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH STEVE, YET HE BARELY SPOKE TO ME WHEN WE MET! FINALLY I COULD BEAR THE SUSPENSE NO LONGER!

STEVE... PLEASE LET ME TALK TO YOU! YOU'VE GOT TO TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG!

DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? EVERYBODY AT THE BASE SEEMS TO KNOW!



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SOON AFTERWARD!

YOUR TRANSFER SHOULD COME THROUGH THIS WEEK, SGT. RANDALL! I SUGGEST THAT YOU BE PREPARED TO LEAVE ON SHORT NOTICE!

THANK YOU, CAPTAIN!

THIS IS WHAT I WANTED! BUT IT MEANS I'LL NEVER SEE STEVE AGAIN!

TOBY! TOBY, WAIT! I'VE HEARD FROM JIM!



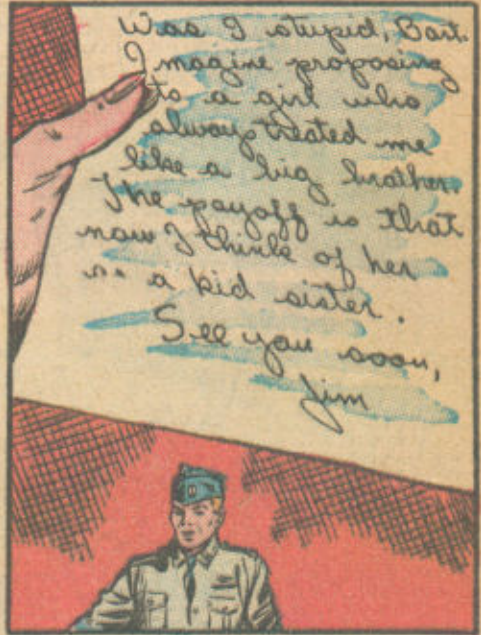
I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO ACCEPT MY APOLOGY, TOBY, BUT I'VE BEEN WRONG ABOUT YOU! ALL WRONG!

NEVER MIND ABOUT THAT! WHAT ABOUT JIM?

HE BAILED OUT.. LANDED IN AMERICAN TERRITORY! HE'S BEEN IN A HOSPITAL UP TO NOW! READ THIS PART OF HIS LETTER, TOBY!

"..I WAS SO BURNED UP WITH MYSELF FOR TRYING TO RUSH TOBY RANDALL, THAT THOSE COMMIES DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE!"

Was I stupid, Barb. I imagine proposing to a girl who always treated me like a big brother. The payoff is that now I think of her as a kid sister. See you soon, Jim

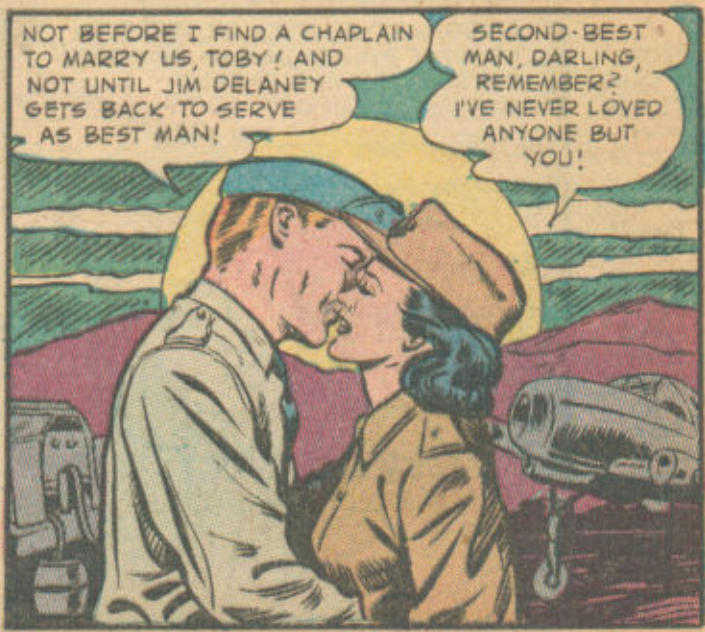
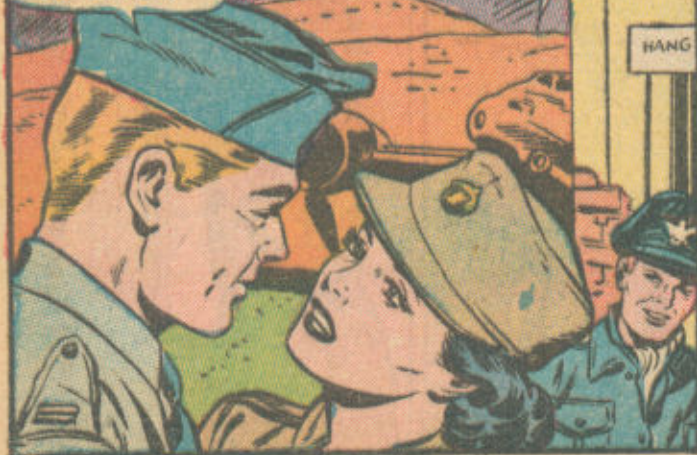


TOBY! WHAT CAN I SAY? I SHOULD HAVE BELIEVED YOU, DARLING! A MAN OUGHT TO HAVE MORE FAITH IN THE GIRL HE LOVES!

YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO TEST THAT FAITH, STEVE! I'LL BE LEAVING THIS BASE SOON!

NOT BEFORE I FIND A CHAPLAIN TO MARRY US, TOBY! AND NOT UNTIL JIM DELANEY GETS BACK TO SERVE AS BEST MAN!

SECOND-BEST MAN, DARLING, REMEMBER? I'VE NEVER LOVED ANYONE BUT YOU!





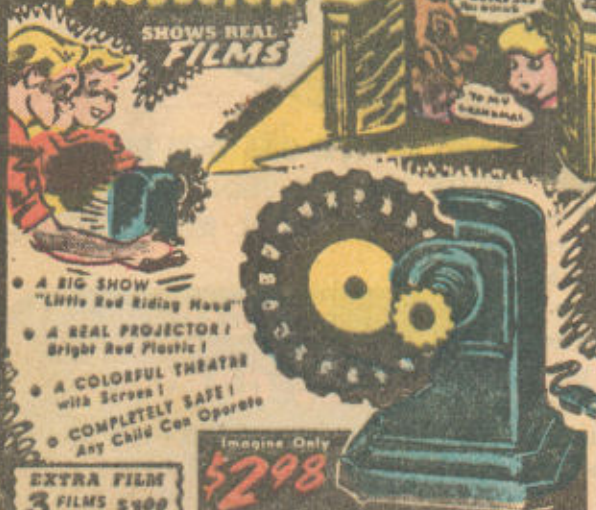
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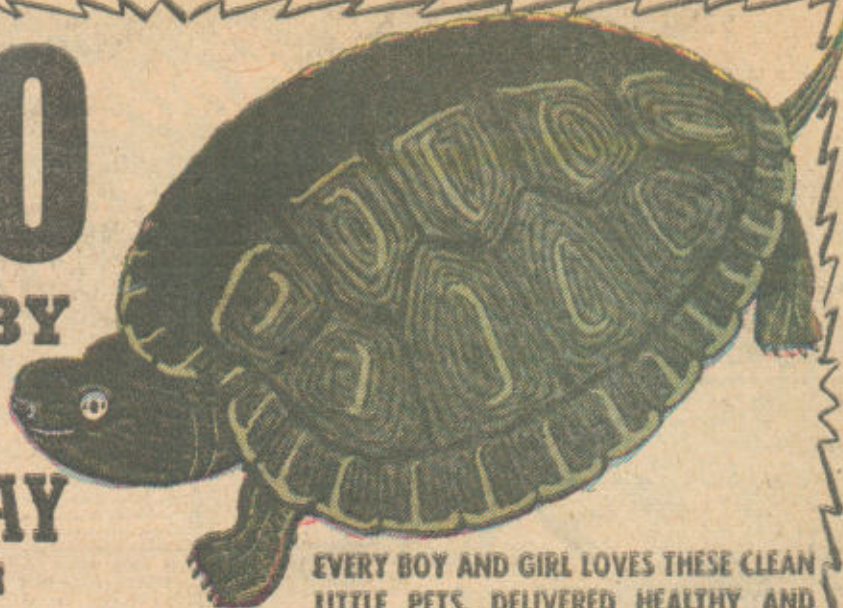
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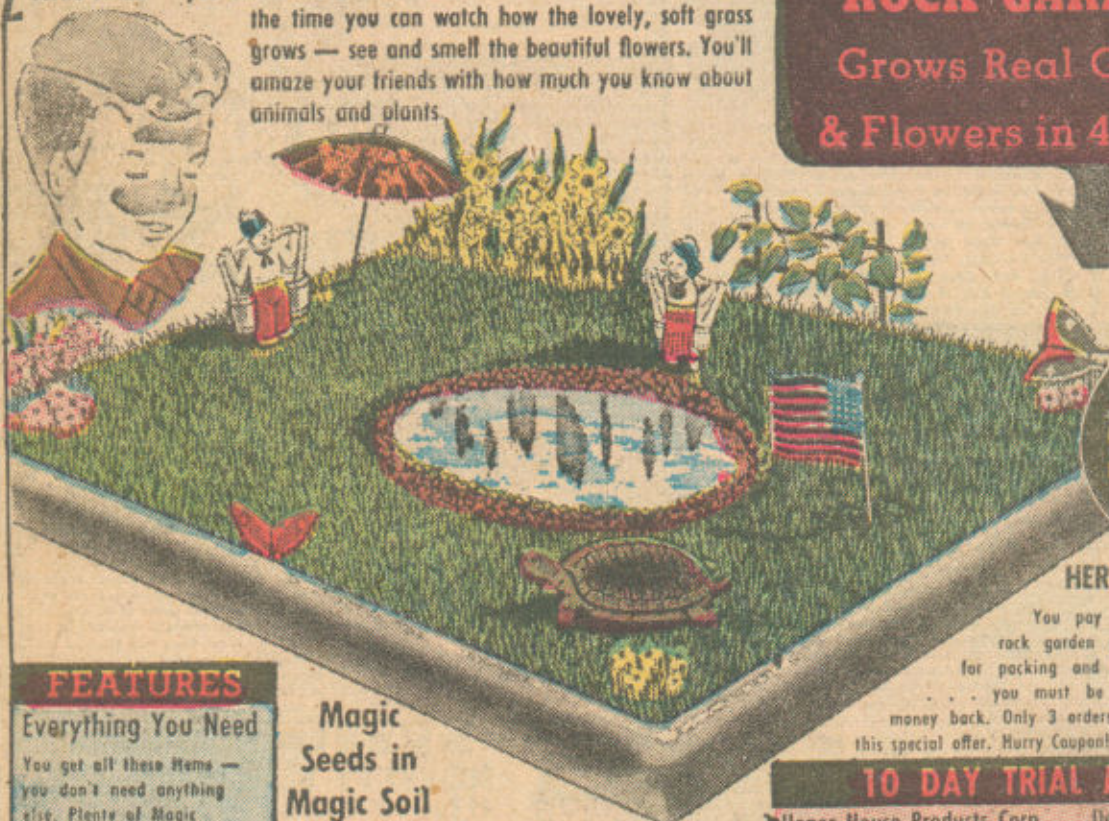
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